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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 06/06/2007 finding that applicant has claimed nine different patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any other or combination of others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination in the present application the patentably distinct Species VII associated with Figures 18-21 and on which at least claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 15-20 and 23 are readable. At least claim 1 is a generic claim. Accordingly, an early

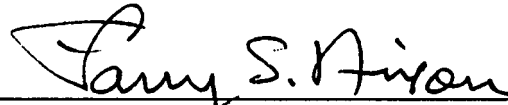
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Notice of Allowance with respect to all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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